

- Item 35 Board Direction on the Proposed Purchase and Renovation of the Fringe Benefits Management Corporation Building and the Reed Building as well as the Purchase or Lease of Property at Summit East (Management Services/Facilities Management - Kim Dressel/Tom Brantley)

The County Administrator gave a brief summary of the staff's recommendation

Ms. Henree Martin and Mr. Kim Williams, representing the owners of the Fringe Benefits building, gave a brief presentation to the Board on the benefits of the County purchasing the building.

After Commission discussion and questions directed to the County Administrator,

Commissioner Thael moved, seconded by Commission DePuy, to approve Option 7: Do not consider or act upon the Fringe Benefits, Summit East or the Reed/Liberty National Buildings proposals until the due diligence analyses of the BOA building have been completed and submitted to the Board for consideration. The County Administrator was directed to attempt to receive a sales contract on the GEM building for \$1.5 million and to look for \$1.1 million in funding to purchase the Fringe Benefits building.

After further discussion by the Board, Kim Dressel, the Management Services Director and with Ms. Martin, Commissioner Thael withdrew his motion for Option 7.

Commissioner Thael moved, seconded by Commissioner DePuy, to direct the County Administrator to develop a sales contract on the GEM, Tharpe Street property with a minimum sales price of \$1.5 million and to identify options for funding sources for \$1.1 million for the purchase of the Fringe Benefits building.

*** Any and all architectural drawings fees will be paid for by the owner(s) of the Fringe Benefits building.**

Commissioner Rackleff offered a friendly amendment to have Fringe Benefits come up with a plan to purchase the building at \$122/sq.ft. or less. The amendment to the motion was not accepted.

The motion, as stated, carried 7-0.

Commissioner Proctor stated on several occasions during this discussion that he does not want the purchase of the Fringe Benefits building to distract from the County's committing to the North Florida Fairgrounds as part of the Southern Strategy.
Staff: County Administrator/Management Services - Parwez Alam/Kim Dressel